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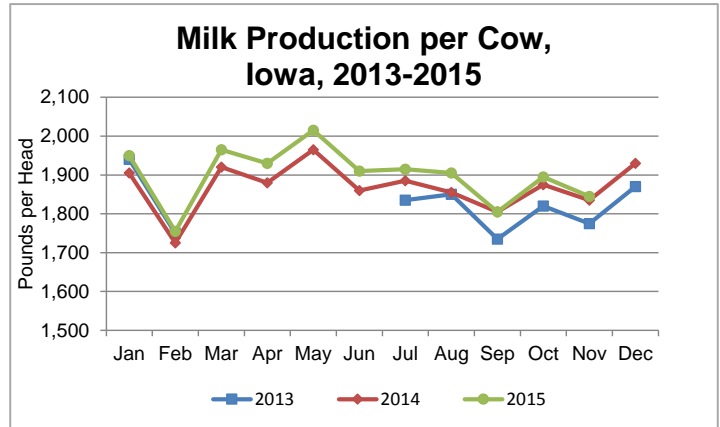
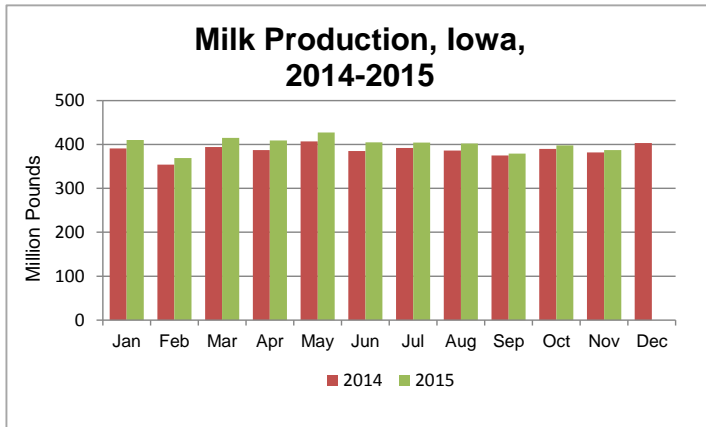
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Milk production in Iowa during November 2015 totaled 387 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous November according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during November, at 210,000 head, was the same as last month but 2,000 head more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,845 pounds, up 10 pounds from a year ago. This is the highest monthly milk per cow for November on record for Iowa.



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: November 2014 and 2015

| State | Milk Cows ¹ | | Milk Per Cow ² | | Milk Production ² | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | Change from 2014 |
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (pounds) | (pounds) | (million pounds) | (million pounds) | (percent) |
| Arizona | 193 | 195 | 1,945 | 1,950 | 375 | 380 | 1.3 |
| California | 1,780 | 1,776 | 1,885 | 1,805 | 3,355 | 3,206 | -4.4 |
| Colorado | 145 | 146 | 2,035 | 2,090 | 295 | 305 | 3.4 |
| Florida | 123 | 125 | 1,535 | 1,545 | 189 | 193 | 2.1 |
| Idaho | 579 | 587 | 1,925 | 1,935 | 1,115 | 1,136 | 1.9 |
| Illinois | 93 | 94 | 1,580 | 1,600 | 147 | 150 | 2.0 |
| Indiana | 179 | 184 | 1,775 | 1,800 | 318 | 331 | 4.1 |
| Iowa | 208 | 210 | 1,835 | 1,845 | 382 | 387 | 1.3 |
| Kansas | 143 | 142 | 1,790 | 1,775 | 256 | 252 | -1.6 |
| Michigan | 399 | 410 | 1,970 | 2,040 | 786 | 836 | 6.4 |
| Minnesota | 460 | 460 | 1,610 | 1,650 | 741 | 759 | 2.4 |
| New Mexico | 323 | 323 | 1,975 | 1,910 | 638 | 617 | -3.3 |
| New York | 615 | 620 | 1,805 | 1,850 | 1,110 | 1,147 | 3.3 |
| Ohio | 267 | 266 | 1,620 | 1,635 | 433 | 435 | 0.5 |
| Oregon | 124 | 123 | 1,615 | 1,600 | 200 | 197 | -1.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 530 | 530 | 1,615 | 1,615 | 856 | 856 | 0.0 |
| South Dakota | 98 | 109 | 1,795 | 1,830 | 176 | 199 | 13.1 |
| Texas | 470 | 462 | 1,785 | 1,785 | 839 | 825 | -1.7 |
| Utah | 96 | 96 | 1,865 | 1,840 | 179 | 177 | -1.1 |
| Vermont | 132 | 131 | 1,630 | 1,640 | 215 | 215 | 0.0 |
| Virginia | 92 | 90 | 1,550 | 1,550 | 143 | 140 | -2.1 |
| Washington | 276 | 276 | 1,905 | 1,900 | 526 | 524 | -0.4 |
| Wisconsin | 1,273 | 1,280 | 1,770 | 1,835 | 2,253 | 2,349 | 4.3 |
| 23-State Total | 8,598 | 8,635 | 1,806 | 1,808 | 15,527 | 15,616 | 0.6 |

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 15.6 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from November 2014. October revised production, at 16.1 billion pounds, was up 0.3 percent from October 2014. The October revision represented an increase of 30 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,808 pounds for November, 2 pounds above November 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of November since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.64 million head, 37,000 head more than November 2014, but unchanged from October 2015.

Milk production in the United States during November totaled 16.6 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from November 2014.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,787 pounds for November, 4 pounds above November 2014.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.31 million head, 29,000 head more than November 2014, but unchanged from October 2015.

